

CARR-1387

Sallie and Samuel Sterner (Starner) House
Taneytown (vicinity)

c.1898

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. CARR-1387

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sallie and Samuel Sterner (Starner) House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3921 Bullfrog Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Taneytown ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eugene & Thelma Angell

street & number 3921 Bullfrog Road telephone no.: 756-2286

city, town Taneytown state and zip code Maryland 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liberCCC 511

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 740

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resources: 1

Summary:

The Sallie and Samuel Sterner (Starner) House is located at 3921 Bullfrog Road, on the east side of the road in northwest Carroll County, Maryland. The house faces west toward the road. It is a five-bay by two-bay, 2½ story frame structure. The west elevation has a center entrance. On either side are new 1/1 sash with blinds and a pediment with jigsawn foliate trim. There is a bracketed cornice with jigsawn trim and a central gable dormer with diamond-pattern shingles. There is a one-story, three-bay porch centered on this elevation. It has four turned posts and a jigsawn frieze.

The Sallie and Samuel Sterner House is located at 3921 Bullfrog Road, on the east side of the road, about 3¼ miles northwest of Taneytown and about 2¼ miles southwest of Harney in northwest Carroll County, Maryland. The house faces west toward the road. It is a five-bay by two-bay, 2½-story frame structure with a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and an asphalt shingle gable roof with a north-south ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the north end and appears that there was once one on the south end, too.

The west elevation has a center entrance. The top half of the door has a large central panel flanked on each side by a narrow rectangular panel, and at each corner by a small square panel, making nine panels in all. Below are two panels. They are sunk fielded panels with small panel moulds that appear to have an ogee with a cavetto inside of it, but are not sharply defined. There is a one-light transom. On either side are two new 1/1 sash with blinds and a pediment with jigsawn foliate trim. There is an ogee moulding along the top edge of each pediment. The second story has five identical sash with pediments and trim. There is a bracketed box cornice with returns and with jig sawn trim in a sideways lyre pattern on either side of each bracket. Between this trim is jigsawn foliate trim in the frieze, centered over each pediment. There is a central gabled wall dormer with diamond-pattern shingles and a pedimented 1/1 sash. Both the bed mould and raking eave of the dormer have a sawtooth moulding. There is a one-story, three-bay porch centered on this elevation. It has a hip roof and four turned posts. Between each pair of posts are two pendant drops. Between the drops is a frieze with a jigsawn rinceau at the top and spindlework below. Between each post and drop is a jigsawn frieze with a quatrefoil, and a jigsawn bracket below it. There are also sawn brackets projecting from the top face of each post.

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The north elevation has two 1/1 sash on both the first and second stories that are identical to those on the west. The gable end has two small 1/1 sash that also have pediments. There is a dentil cornice in the raking eave. The east elevation has an addition to the north and a one-story porch with a shed roof and Doric columns to the south. The south elevation has a hurricane door in the east bay of the foundation. The rest of the elevation is identical to that on the north.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1898

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary:

The Sallie and Samuel Sterner (Starner) House was for much of the late nineteenth century owned by the Reindollar family, and was apparently a tenant farm. The farm was purchased in 1887 by John H. Sterner. He already owned a 145-acre farm and probably bought this to set up his children. The 116-acre farm was sold to Sallie F. and Samuel P. Sterner in 1895. The improvements on the farm were worth only \$550 in 1896. Two years later the Sterners had added a new shed and stabling worth \$300. The new house was built by 1899. For unknown reasons, the Sterners sold the farm in 1903. The elaborate exterior trim on the house is rarely found in Carroll County. This is a particularly fine, and well-preserved, example.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Agriculture

Resource Types: Rural vernacular

The Sallie and Samuel Sterner (Starner) House was for much of the late nineteenth century owned by the Reindollar family, and was apparently a tenant farm. The house on this property was apparently roughcast. The farm was purchased in 1887 by John H. Sterner for \$3,050.00. He already owned a 145-acre farm and probably bought this to set up his children. The 116-acre farm was sold to Sallie F. and Samuel P. Sterner in 1895 for \$3,000, but they were probably working the land since 1887. In 1896 they owned livestock worth \$255, a grain thrasher, a clover huller, and most unusual, a traction engine and wagon. The results of their experiment with modern farm machinery apparently was not satisfactory, as they had disposed of the first two machines by 1899 and the traction engine by the following year.

The improvements on the farm were worth only \$550 in 1896. Two years later the Sterners had added a new shed and stabling worth \$300. The new house was built

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by 1899, and was valued at \$800 plus the value of the old house, or probably about \$1,000 in all. For unknown reasons, the Sterners sold the farm in 1903; it now brought \$3,700, indicating that it had been improved. The farm apparently remained in operation until the early 1970's, when the house was broken off from it. The elaborate exterior trim on the house is typical of late-nineteenth century trends, but is rarely found in Carroll County. When it is found, it is most often used in towns and not on rural houses. This is a particularly fine, and well-preserved, example.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records
Tax assessments: 1876-96; 1896-1910
1877 & 1917 maps

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 13.6859 acres

Quadrangle name Taneytown

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Carroll County Planning Department

date July 14, 1994

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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3921 Bullfrog Road

CHAIN OF TITLE

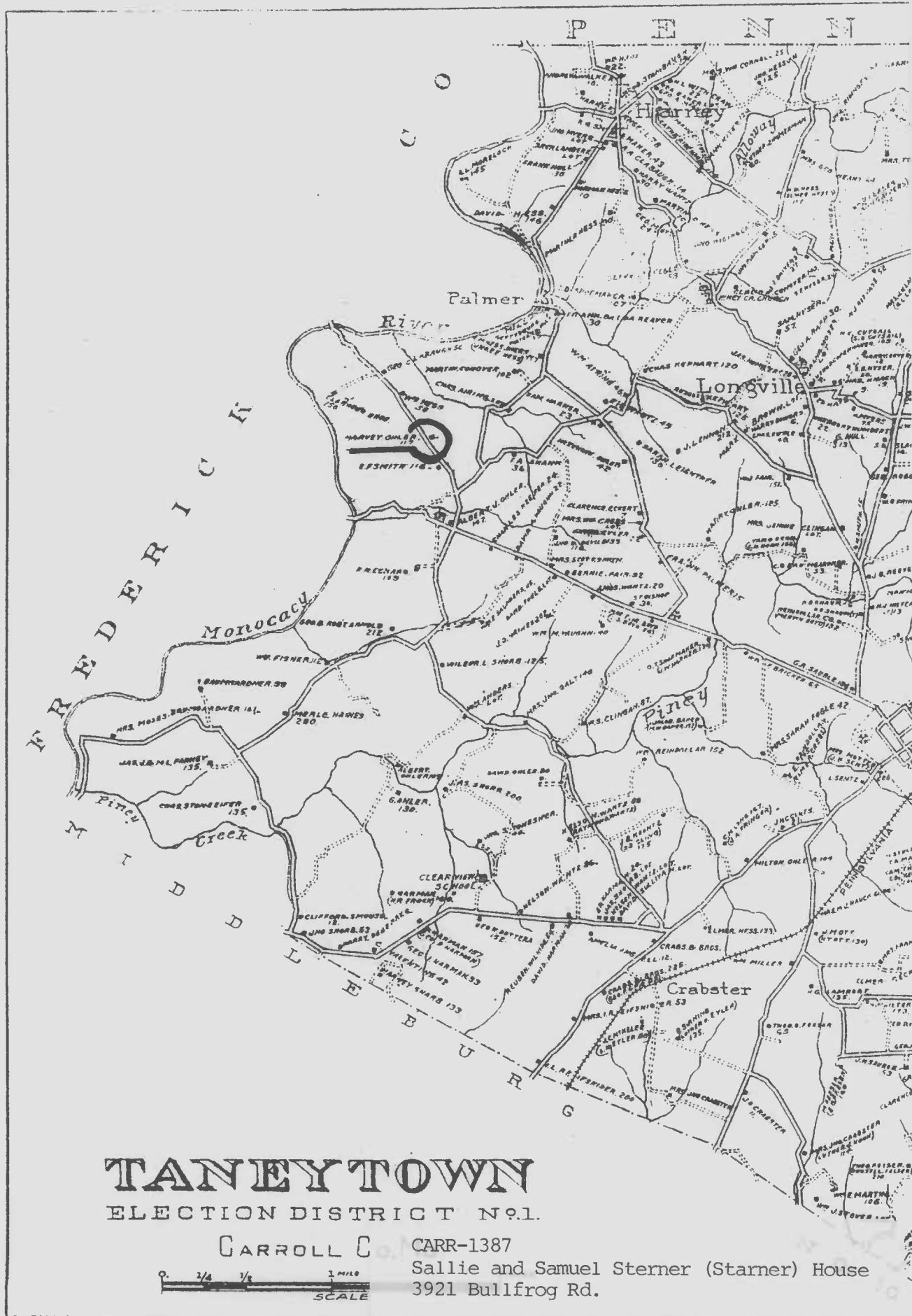
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Maurice E. & Blanche V. Meunier (wife), & Taneytown Bank & Trust	Carroll MD Corp.	Eugene T. & Thelma E. Angell (wife)	?	5-19-1972	CCC 511	740	Deed fee simple	\$10.00, 13.6859 acre
Walter W. & Blanche V. Shoemaker (wife)	Carroll	Maurice E. & Blanche V. Meunier (wife)	Carroll	8-29-1950	EAS 206	157	Deed fee simple	\$10.00, 116.00 part of "The Addition to Brooke's Discovery on the Rich Lands"
Harvey E. & Lillie A. Ohler (wife)	Carroll	Walter W. & Margia M. Shoemaker (wife)	Frederick	4-1-1920	EOC 136	40	Deed fee simple	\$11,240, 116 acres
Sallie F. & Samuel P. Sterner (husband)	Carroll	Harvey E. & Lillie A. Ohler (wife)	Carroll	3-13-1903	JHB 97	288	Deed fee simple	\$3,700, 116 acres
John H. Sterner & Susannah (wife)	Carroll	Sallie F. Sterner, wife of Samuel P.	Carroll	4-1-1895	BFC 80	492	Deed fee simple	\$3,000, 116 acres
Samuel Reindollar	Carroll	John H. Sterner	Carroll	4-21-1887	WNM 68	63	Deed fee simple	\$3,050, 116 acres
William L. & Lydia Favorite (wife)	Carroll	Samuel Reindollar	Carroll	10-2-1886	WNM 65	390	Deed fee simple	\$3,050, 116 acres
Samuel Reindollar	Carroll	William L. Favorite	Carroll	4-26-1883	FTS 59	189	Deed	\$2,659, 116 acres
William & Margaret Reindollar	Carroll	Samuel Reindollar	Carroll	2-6-1878	FTS 50	2	Deed fee simple	\$2,500, 125 ¼ acres

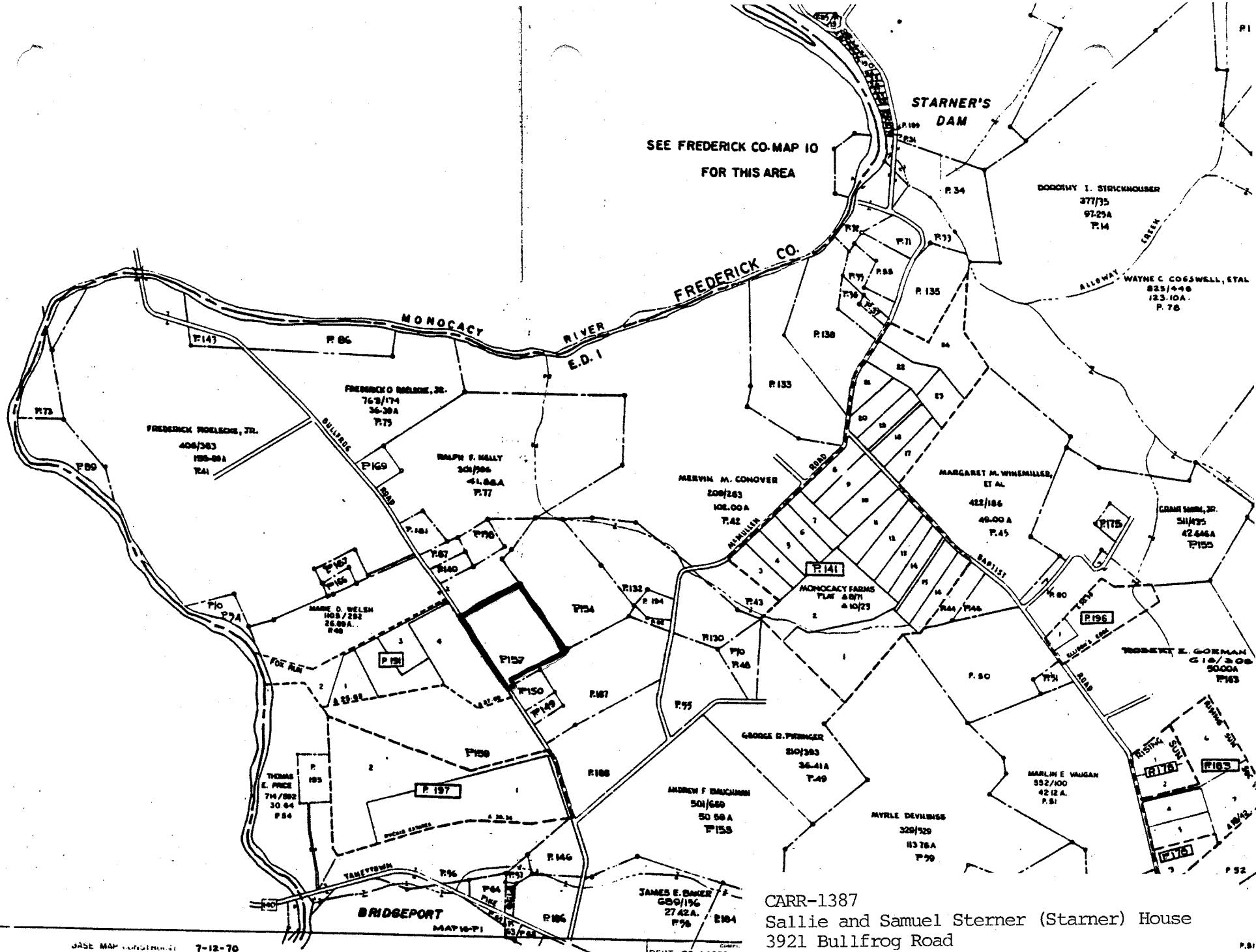
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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANSACTION	COMMENTS
Stephen Smith, exec. to John Hiteshue	Carroll Carroll	William Reindollar	Carroll	9-25-1862	GEW 29	402	Deed	Hiteshue will 3-8-1862, JMP 3-58, \$1,800 private sale 125¼ acres
Robert J. Jennison & wife		John Hiteshue		4-7-1864	JBB 17	72		
William S. Brown, sheriff	Carroll	Robert J. Jennison		4-7-1853	JBB 14	497		

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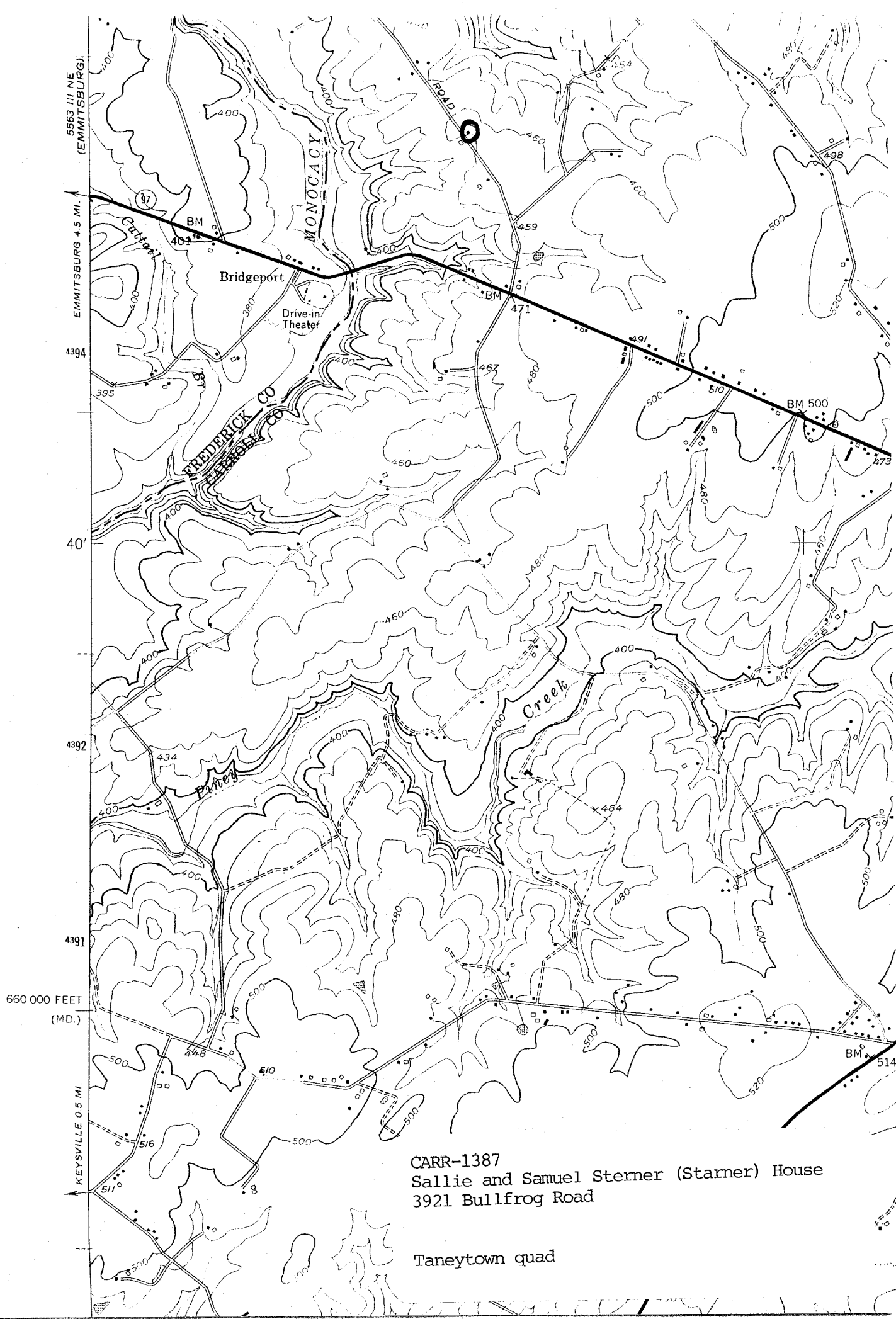
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JASE MAP CONTINUED 7-12-70
FROM 1970 ROAD
PLANIMETRY REV. 10
MAP DRAWN 7-21-70

DEPT. OF ASSESSMENT
MAP
REVISED TO JUNE



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Taneytown quad



Sallie and Samuel Sterner House

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Carroll County, Maryland

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west elevation

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